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In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki NAKANO**

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Sir:

Concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant submits the following remarks and Inventor's Declaration.

Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on September 22, 2003. The Appeal Brief was originally due on November 22, 2003. Applicant herein extends the time for response by four months to March 22, 2004.

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